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Emmons Dahlia Gardens
392 North Washington
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

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To Our Many Friends and Customers:

We wish to announce that we have sold our entire interest in the Emmons Dahlia Gardens, to Mr. Laurence R. Kerr, who has had quite a number of years experience, of growing plants, and raising dahlias. He is very efficient, and knows the dahlia business thoroughly. At one time he was associated with the well known Selinger Dahlia Gardens of this city.

He not only expects to carry out our ideas in keeping a garden with **no** disease, but will give his customers the very best of service. We are very glad to turn over our business to such a man, as we are satisfied he will take the best of care of you and the business. Thanking you one and all, we are

Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Emmons.



We Are Members of
THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY
THE OHIO STATE DAHLIA SOCIETY
THE CENTRAL STATES DAHLIA SOCIETY
THE BATTLE CREEK DAHLIA SOCIETY

Location of Our Gardens

From the center of the city of Battle Creek, go west on West Michigan Ave., (the main street) until you come to Washington Street; turn north, Pass Percy Jones Hospital and the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and go about five blocks, to 392 North Washington.

Telephone 4041

We invite you all to visit our gardens at any time, more especially when in bloom.

EMMONS' DAHLIA GARDENS

392 North Washington

Battle Creek, Michigan

DAHLIAS

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General Description of Varieties of the WORLD'S BEST PRIZE-WINNING DAHLIAS

We specialize in dahlias that have a record of WINNING PRIZES; that are known to be vigorous, and have been thoroughly tested out in many sections of the United States.

Nearly every one of our dahlias has received a Certificate of Merit from the Trial Grounds at Storrs, Conn., East Lansing, Mich., Cincinnati, Ohio, or Fairmont, W. Va. That means a rating of at least 85 per cent.

Healthy Dahlias

It is our policy—and we strictly adhere to it—that NO dahlia will grow in our gardens that shows ANY disease whatsoever. If a dahlia cost us a nice sum of money, it matters not if it is NOT healthy, it is dug up and burned at once. We never purchase any stock from a dahlia raiser if we know he allows diseased dahlias to grow in his gardens.

*"We grow a number of the very best
And let, who will, raise all the rest."*

Abbreviations

FD—Formal Decorative

ID—Informal Decorative

SC—Semi-Cactus

IC—Incurved Cactus

C—Cactus

ADIRONDACK SUNSET (I. D.), 1935, "Parkway." This is one of the greatest dahlias ever introduced, and one of the most spectacular, and it attracts everyone's attention. The color is a vivid scarlet, shading to a bright canary yellow at the base, giving the large blooms the striking sunset colors.....Root .85

ALICE MAY (I. D.), "Australia," 1939. Bloom 12x8. This pure waxy white flower is rightly called a "White Lord of Autumn." This tremendous bloom is beautifully formed, the petals folding all the way back to the stem. One flower of Alice May had three blue ribbons at the 1940 Cleveland Show—one ribbon for the best flowers in its class, one ribbon for the largest flower in the show, and the other ribbon for the most perfect bloom in the show. One of the greatest dahlias to date.Root 1.25

ALL-AMERICAN (S. C.), "Salem," 1941. Bloom 11x6, bush 6 ft. Mulberry rose suffused salmon with wax yellow at base of petals. It won a large number of blue ribbons as well as an Achievement Medal. This dahlia has the distinction of being the ONLY 1941 introduction to be on FOUR Honor Rolls.....Root 1.50

AMELIA EARHART (S. C.). "Cordes." Bloom 12x6, bush 4 ft. This gorgeous dahlia is a consistent winner wherever shown, having two American Home Achievement Medals and many other prizes to its credit. Color is apricot buff with salmon tints shading to soft yellow at base of petals.....Root .95

AZTEC CHIEF (F. D.), "Comstock," 1940. Bloom 11x5, bush 5 ft. Light tomato red. Has won many blue ribbons as largest flower in the show. Has been grown to 14 inches. Long, straight stems. Fast grower and early bloomer. It is one of the GIANTS. An Honor Roll DahliaRoot 1.00

- BAKER'S BEST** (I. D.), "Baker," 1943. Bloom 10x7, bush 5½ ft. Color, deep clear sulphur yellow, with plenty of substance. A fine grower with strong, erect stems. Good root maker.....Root 1.50
- BATAAN** (S. C.), "Retzer," 1943. Bloom 10x4. Red lightly tipped gold. This variety seems to have performed well this past season as it was more in evidence at the shows which we attended than any other 1943 introduction. Long stiff stems.....Root 1.25
- BESS SMITH** (I. D.), "Anderson," 1943. Bloom 10x6, bush 5 ft. Pure white. Its petals are wavy. Stems 15 inches long, and very strong, holding flowers on side. It is an excellent keeper when cut. Won the Derrill W. Hart Gold Medal in 1941. On two Honor Rolls. Considered by many the best white. Root \$2.00, Plant 1.00
- BLUE MOON** (I. D.), "Johnson," 1941. Bloom 12x5. Lavender shading to lilac-purple at base. Strong stems. Heavy foliage. Another mammoth size dahlia. Achievement Medal and Honor Roll.....Plant 1.00
- BLUE RIVER** (F. D.), "Salem Dahlia Gardens." Bloom 11½x5, bush 4 ft. A blue French violet, the nearest to a blue dahlia that we have ever seen. It never fails to grow. It has won many prizes. Fine stems.....Root .60
- CALIFORNIA IDOL** (I. D.), "Success," 1935. Bloom 12x7, bush 5 ft. This giant yellow has a coast-to-coast record as a winner. At Boston it won the Achievement Medal as Best Undisseminated Dahlia. It is a fine grower with a deep flower of clear, glistening yellow, a true pastel shade. On Honor Roll. It can easily win as largest or best flower.....Root .65
- CARL G. DAHL** (I. D.), "Hillcrest," 1937. Bloom 13x6, bush 5½ ft. Graceful, although of tremendous size of rather loose or open formation. Color, apricot buff shaded old rose on reverse of petals. Won the award as Best Bloom in the show at New York, 1937, and the popular vote in the New York Botanical Gardens, 1936. Has won many times as largest in the show.....Root 1.25
- CHEROKEE BRAVE** (I. D.), "Dahliadel," 1939. Bloom 11x6, bush 5½ ft. Blooms are a rich oxblood red that hold their color well in the sun. Has done exceptionally well throughout the country, and in the Mid-West is considered by many the outstanding red. The blooms can be grown to extra large size. Considered one of the best introductions. Bush growth strong and foliage heavy. EXCELLENT.Root 1.00
- CLASS** (F. D.), "Salem," 1941. Bloom 12x6, bush 3½ ft. One of the largest sulphur yellow formal decorative dahlias to date. Grown up to 15 inches, petals fall back toward stem when fully out. Strong, straight stems hold flowers directly on top. Bush rugged....Root 1.50
- COL. A. G. RUDD** (I. D.), "Geneva," 1943. Bloom 12x7, bush 5½ ft. Color, rich carmine with deeper mahogany red at center. Ramrod stems, holding flowers at just right angle. Look for this one in the show room. On Honor Roll.....Plant 1.00

- COLIN KELLY, JR.** (I. D.), "Salem," 1943. Bush 4½ ft. This is one of the very largest dahlias of the present. The color is phlox-pink to lavender. Stems are long and, under normal conditions, hold the blooms properly. A fifteen and one-half inch bloom of this won as the "largest" at the American Dahlia Society show in New York in 1943.....Plant 1.50
- COLUMBIA** (S. C.), "Cuyahoga," 1942. Bloom 12 to 16 x 8 to 10, bush 5½ ft. Deep gold in center, shading to orange and peach pink, with a heavy sheen on the petals. Petals curl completely back to stem. Centers are high, pointed and always perfect. Blooms early to late. Two achievement Medals. On leading Honor Rolls. Prof. C. M. Brown, a veteran dahlia judge, says: "Columbia at East Liverpool was the finest all-round large flower it has ever been my privilege to see. Never before have I seen such depth.".....Root 2.00
- COMMANDO** (F. D.), "Peck," 1943. Bloom 12x5, bush 4½ ft. Color, a true phlox purple, really a clear shade of lavender. Stems very long and stiff, holds the bloom at proper angle. Extra fine bush and foliage. Achievement Medal. The finest lavender we have ever seen growingRoot 1.25
- D-DAY** (F. D.), "Dixie," 1945. Bloom 7x4, bush 4½ ft. A medium sized variety of true pink. This fine florist's flower is also regarded as a challenger for honors held so long by Jersey's Beauty on the show tables. A very good keeper. Stems are cane-like and hold flowers facing the side. Excellent. On Honor RollRoot \$5.00, Plant 2.00
- DAHLIAMUM** (I. D.), "Chemar," 1940. Bloom 12x8, bush 6 ft. A bright cadmium apricot, with a golden sheen. Looks like a huge chrysanthemum. Has long stiff stems. On Honor Roll.....Root 1.25
- DARCY SAINSBURY** (F. D.), "Australian." Bloom 10x5. A wonderful pure white, with excellent center, and the best of long, stiff stems. One of the best to come from Australia. It stands very high in the show room Root .85
- DEAN SHURTLEFF** (S. C.), "Rockley," 1942. Bloom 10x6, bush 4½ ft. Semi-Cactus, very large brilliant Crimson shading to an Oxblood Center. Stems are straight and stiff as steel—never droops even in bud—9 to 13 inches to first leaf bracket. The finest I had in my 1942 garden. Also winner of Achievement Medal—Certificate of Merit and mentioned on three Honor Rolls.....Root \$2.00, Plant 1.00
- DOUBLE DUTY** (F. D.), "Dixie," 1944. Bloom 7x4. Color, tyrian rose. Has excellent, long, strong stems. Several blooms were shipped 800 miles, and were perfect after the fourth day. Won the much coveted Leonard Barron trophy at New York. The front page cover of the December, 1943, issue of the Flower Grower carried its picture. It is really a large "ball" dahlia. Won several blue ribbons....Root \$2.50, Plant 1.25
- ENCHANTRESS**—(S. C.) Color, deep gold overlaid rose. Good long, strong stem which holds the giant blooms high out of plant. Very prolific bloomer. Won many awardsRoot 1.25

EL RUBIO (I. D.), "Redfern," 1940. Bloom 12x6, bush 5½ ft. A most beautiful rich, glowing, ruby red. A kingly flower carried high on long stems. Considered one of the very best of the far west. On Honor Roll. Another huge flower.....Root 1.50

ESSIE SMITH (S. C.), "Smith," 1945. Bloom 13x10; bush 5 ft. Color, a beautiful amaranth pink. Won two Achievement Medals; also won several blue ribbons as largest, best and most perfect bloom. A prominent dahlia judge said: "It was a sensation in every show it was exhibited in 1944. Strong cane-like stems. On ALL Honor Rolls.....Plant 2.50

FAVORITA (I. C.), "Ballay," 1944. Bloom 9x4. Color, canary yellow. The outer petals fold back to the stem. The stem is always good. Nothing like it in a yellow cactusPlant 1.50

FIRE BALL (I. D.), "Bissell." Bloom 8x4, bush 5 ft. Color, a brilliant scarlet, which does not burn or fade. An excellent red. The foliage is heavy and insect resistingRoot .75

FIVE STAR GENERAL (F. D.), "Ramage-Ruschmohr," 1946. Bloom, 12x5; bush, 6ft. Color, Amaranth pink, blushing into a tyrian pink and then going into a maize yellow toward the center. Very sturdy plant. Excellent foilage. Highest scoring dahlia in the Mid-West Trial Grounds in 1945, with a score of 86. On ALL three Honor Rolls. This is one of the VERY BEST.
..... Plant, \$7.50

FREDA GEORGE (I. D.), "Australia," 1937. Bloom 9x5, bush 5 ft. This imported Informal Decorative from Australia reminds us of Opal in color, as it is a sulphury white tipped and suffused violet rose. It has strong erect stems, with well-proportioned, healthy foliage. A very attractive dahlia in the pastel shades. Honor Roll. Extra goodRoot 1.25

FLAMING GLORY (I. D.), "Poulos," 1945. Bloom, 12x8; bush, 5 ft. Color, carmine overlaid rosaline purple; general effect, magenta. The originator calls it lavender-red. The white and purple striped petals enhance its beauty. Flowers are very high centered. Long cane stems. On ALL Honor Rolls....Plant 2.50

GLAMOUR (I. D.), "Salem Dahlia Gardens," 1939. Bloom 12x8, bush 5½ ft. An immense true purple with each petal deeply edged amaranth pink. As the bloom develops the petals fall back to the stem, giving it great depth. It has a perfectly straight and exceedingly stiff stem. Winner of the Achievement Medal. It won eleven firsts as largest bloom in the shows in the autumn of 1939Root 1.25

GLOWING BEAUTY (F. D.), "Premier," 1943. Bloom 11x5, bush 4 ft. Color, cardinal red. Good stems. Won many blue ribbons.....Root 2.00

- HILLSIDE SUNSET** (I. D.), "Bissell," 1939. Bloom 12x7, bush 5 ft. The color is gold and bronze with each petal edged with rose red, none of the edging extending over on to the face of the petal. Awarded a Certificate of Merit, from East Lansing and Fairmont, W. Va., also the Achievement Medal at Cleveland, and A. D. S. Medal for the largest and best bloom. Long, stiff stems Another giant.....Root 1.25
- HOOSIER MARVEL** (S. C.), "Wolfe," 1945. Bloom 14x7, bush 5½ ft. Color, a deep golden yellow; very much the same color as Lord of Autumn. Fine stem and center. It was by far the largest flower at East Lansing, where it won a Certificate of Merit. Good substance. Excellent root maker. Grand bush growth. On Honor Roll. It will be a great contender for the largest flower in show.....Root \$5.00, Plant 2.50
- HUNT'S VELVET WONDER** (I. D.), "Hunt-Burnett Bros.," 1935. Bloom 10x6, bush 5½ ft. This variety was given an American Home Achievement Medal in New York and won in Camden as the best seedling, arousing much interest. The flowers of deep rosy magenta blending into a true purple, are well proportioned with a large, dark green foliage.....Root .75
- INCANDESCENT** (I. D.), "Parrella," 1937. Bloom 11x5, bush 5½ ft. Color, rich rosy buff suffused yellow light old rose. Center, rich old rose, paling to light buff on outside of petals. High centered, well formed flowers. Blooms in great profusion. The huge blooms are held facing sideways on cane-like stems, well above the foliage Root .50
- INDIAN GIANT** (I. D.), "Emmons," 1943. Bloom 12x6, bush 4 ft. Color, rich autumn; underlay of petals Indian yellow, overcast carmine. Center petals darker. Never was there more beautiful foliage on a dahlia. Stems very long, holding the mammoth blooms facing far beyond the plant. In the trial grounds at East Lansing, there were three blooms that measured 13½ inches. We have NEVER seen an open center. Good root maker. Won first wherever shown. Certificate of Merit. Won two Honor Rolls. Just a natural GIANTRoot \$2.50, Plant 1.00
- INDIAN SUMMER** (S. C.), "Goetzger," 1942. Bloom 10x5, Bush 5 ft. Golden yellow with soft orange suffusion. The bush is tall and rugged, with excellent foliage. Stems long, good for cutting. On Futurity and Honor Roll. Achievement Medal winner and certified at O.V.D.A. It is a beauty.....Plant 1.00
- JAMES ROSS** (I. D.), "Dorff," 1944. Bloom 12 to 13 x7 to 8, bush 5 ft. Color, beautiful dark velvet red. Wonderful substance; never shows an open center. Bush vigorous. On Honor Roll. NINE well known dahlia growers, in all parts of the U. S., say it is the finest and largest red dahlia they have ever grown Plant 1.25
- JANE COWL** (I. D.), "Downs." Blooms 10x6, bush 5½ ft. Immense blooms, deep and full of glistening bronze buff. The stems are long and stiff and straight. No dahlia has given more universal satisfaction than Jane Cowl, and no other has won so many prizes since it was introduced in 1928Root .50

- JEAN TRIMBEE** (S. C.), "Trimbee." Bloom 10x5, bush 5 ft. Massive, yet artistic, with long, revolute petals that curl and twist. The color is a beautiful petunia violet, making it popular as an exhibition dahlia. A tall, vigorous grower with long, erect stems.....Root .60
- JERSEY'S BEACON** (F. D.). As an exhibition flower, it has few equals in its color, but as a garden variety, it is even more spectacular. The color is Chinese scarlet, with a paler reverse, giving it a two-toned effect Root .35
- KATIE-K** (I. D.), "Koenig," 1938. Bloom 11x6, bush 5½ ft. Color is a deep rose pink, with white veins in the petal that lighten the flower considerably. Scored a certificate of merit at both Storr's and East Lansing. was on all the 1938 Honor Rolls. It is a giant.....Root 1.00
- KING PETER** (F. D.), "Brown." Bloom 8x4, bush 5 ft. White tipped lavender. This is one of the most beautiful and delicately blended colored dahlias we have ever grown. Fine stems. Flower facing you. It was a great winner in the New York flower show in 1944. Won five blue ribbons.....Root 1.00
- KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD** (I. D.), "Brown-Wind," 1945. Bloom 12x5, bush 5 ft. Color, rich gold suffused apricot; a golden autumn. Excellent long stems. Early and profuse bloomer. Winner of "the most perfect large bloom" at East Liverpool in 1943. Won three certificates of Merit. On ALL Honor Rolls
..... Root \$7.00, Plant 3.50
- LIDICE** (I. D.), "Kemp," 1943. Bloom 13x8, bush 6½ ft. A delicate cream yellow, shading to lemon yellow toward the center. It won the highest award given a seedling dahlia, at New York in 1942. It is an exceedingly fine grower. The long, strong stems hold the giant blooms high out of the foliage.....Root 2.00
- LORD OF AUTUMN** (I. D.), "Almy." Bush 4½ ft. The color is a deep golden yellow. The flowers grow to an enormous size and, without forcing, we had blooms the past season that measured over 13 inches across and nearly 9 inches in depth on long, stiff stems that held the flowers high above the foliage. The formation is wonderful, as the long petals recurve until the stem is hidden from view for 6 or 8 inches. This dahlia is a GIANT. It never fades or burns.....Root .75
- LYNN FONTANNE** (I. D.), "Parrella," 1941. Bloom 11 x7, bush 5½ ft. Color, a scarlet or peach red. Wonderful strong stems. Won at two large shows and measured 13x9 at World's Fair A. D. S. Show, 1941. On two Honor Rolls.....Root 1.50
- MME. C. JUSSIAINT** (I. C.), "Nagels." Bloom 8x4, bush 4 ft. Soft violet inclined to lavender. The best In-curved Cactus in its color. A popular lavender cut flower for the florists, and also fine for exhibiting. Early and prolific.....Root .75
- MAFFIE** (S. C.), "Johnson," 1940. Bloom 13x8, bush 6 ft. Called the sensation of the season. Color intense bright red. A strong growing plant with insect resistant foliage. It won several blue ribbons as the largest and best flower in the 1939 shows, also Achievement Medal, and is on the House Beautiful Honor Roll of 1940. A MONSTER.....Root 1.50

MAID MARION (I. D.), "Dozier," 1941. Bloom 10x5, bush 4 ft. Winner of two Achievement Medals and other prizes. Amber yellow shaded phlox pink, and suffused mauve. Good stems and nice form. Similar to, but slightly darker, than Freda George.....Plant 1.00

MARION SMITH (I. D.), "Australian," 1941. Bloom 12x7, bush 3½ ft. This huge dahlia tyran pink overlaid mallow pink, making it nearly phlox pink. Blooms are clear bright and attractive, not even coarse. One of the very large ones. A must have Dahlia.....Root 1.50

MARSHALL'S PINK (F. D.). Bloom 8x4, bush 5 ft. An exquisitely beautiful shrimp pink dahlia, especially fine for cutting; stems at least three feet long.....Root .40

MARY TAYLOR (C.), "Taylor," 1940. Bloom 8x4. Color, grenadine pink with lemon-yellow center and flushed cream. This dahlia was the most outstanding at Storrs in 1939. Substance excellent, making it one of the best cut flowers. Fine stems.....Root 1.25

MARY LYNN DUDLEY (S. C.), "Dudley," 1941. A very large semi-cactus in the dark red shades. True carmine with outer petals of a rich, velvety texture and the centers almost black. A nicely formed flower on long stems. On Honor Roll.....Root 1.35

MAYOR FRANK OTIS (I. D.), "Salbach," 1939. Bloom 14x7, bush 5 ft. It is a soft, rich golden honey yellow with just a touch of coppery shading. It won two Achievement Medals, on two Honor Rolls, and won SIX blue ribbons in 1938 as largest flower in the show. It has been grown to OVER SEVENTEEN INCHES. There is no question but what this is one of the largest dahlias ever grown.....Plant 1.00

MICHIGAN WHITE (S. C.), "Keiser." Bloom 7x4, bush 5 ft. The most prolific blooming cut flower white to date. As many as 18 to 25 opening at one time have been produced on one bush. Will bloom from July until frost, continuously shooting out long stems by the dozen. Certified at Storrs and East Lansing. Excellent root maker. No better white cut flower.....Root 1.00

MILTON J. CROSS (I. D.), "Johnson," 1936. Bloom 11x7, bush 6 ft. Center of flower is a clear light lemon yellow shaded rose and coral on outer petals. Won three Achievement Medals. Not only large, but deep, and of a pleasing clean color.....Roots .85

MISS SAN DIEGO (I. C.), "Comstock," 1946. Bloom, 9x7; bush, 4 ft. Color, lemon yellow, outer half of bloom tyrian pink with thread-like markings of center florets tyrian pink. Extra long, straight stems. Won A.D.S. Achievement Medal at Inglewood, California, in 1944. On ALL Honor Rolls. One of the very best at East Lansing Trial Grounds. In fact, it is one of the finest incurved cactus we have seen for years.
.....Plant, \$7.50 Net

MISS ELSIE JANE (S. C.), "Dahliadel." Bloom 6x4, bush 4 ft. About the most artistically formed dahlia in the entire list. In color, too, it is most unusual, being a shrimp pink with cream shadings at center and tipped violet rose. Blooms freely from early until frost. Has long wiry stems. We heartily recommend itRoot .75

MONARCH OF THE EAST (I. D.), "Almy," 1938. Bloom 12x5, bush 4½ ft. Giant flowers of mustard yellow with an apricot suffusion. A rampant growing habit. An Honor Roll variety with a Certificate of Merit. Certainly is a giant. A Mr. Lee writes: "We had bloom after bloom on Monarch of the East that measured 12 to 14 inches".....Root .85

MRS. C. D. ANDERSON (Ball). A mammoth purple-quilled ball dahlia with a silver sheen that keeps for days in the show room. Flower almost round. An early and very prolific bloomer. No better ball dahlia....Root .35

MRS. GEORGE LE BOUTILLIER (I. D.), "Smith Ruschmohr." Bush 4 ft. A giant flower and, in our opinion, an improvement on Murphy's Masterpiece, and a very striking and showy plant in the garden. Color, deep crimson red. The blooms are exceptionally large and are held erect on long, stiff stems, high above the foliage Root .65

MRS. I de VER WARNER (F. D.) Bloom 9x5, bush 5 ft. Color, lavender. One of the finest dahlias grown. It is almost disease proof. No better cut flower.....Root .50

MRS. THOMAS EDISON (I. D.), "Wallace," 1942. Bloom 10x5, bush 5 ft. Color, a bright violet red, almost a deep rose red, with a silver reverse. Strong stems holding flower facing. One of the most beautiful dahlias. Certificate of Merit. On two Honor Rolls. Root 1.50

MRS. HESTER A. PAPE (I. D.), "Pape-Wind," 1946. Bloom, 12x6; bush, 4½ ft. Color, a reddish-purple; another says it is a pomegranate purple overlaid dahlia purple with a velvet sheen. Won the American Home Achievement Medal, at both Cleveland and Baltimore in 1945, and tied for this medal at East Liverpool. On ALL Honor Rolls. A very sturdy grower. A profuse bloomer. Will be hard to beat in any show.
..... Plant, \$7.50

NATION'S PRIDE (I. D.), "Heil," 1944. Bloom 9½x6, bush 4½ ft. A beautiful blend of apricot suffused peach red and tyrian rose. Similar to Jane Cowl in form and Sunrays in growth. Rugged grower, strong erect stems, profuse and early. Won Achievement Medal at Pittsburgh. Certified at Storrs and one of the best of the large dahlias there this past season Plant 1.75

OAKLEIGH MONARCH (F. D.), "Hook," 1936. Exhibition type, cerise red in color. Blooms 10 to 14 inches. Heavy stem, with canes two or three feet long. Tough foliage and insect resistant. Height, six feet. Medium early bloomer. Blooms keep well when cut. Won a certificate at East Lansing.....Root .95

OGDEN REID (I. D.), "Kelley-Parella," 1945. Bloom 13x6, bush 6 ft. Color, spinel pink blended with rose pink and striping of yellow; center deep rose. Winner of several blue ribbons. Blooms held facing on cane-like stems. Vigorous plant growth. One bloom nearly 16 inches. On Honor Roll.....Plant 5.00

PARTNER (I.D.), "Robens-Dozier", 1946. Bloom 12x10, bush 4½ ft. Color, Peach buff with a trace of cameo. Has the very best of long stiff stems. This dahlia won five first and two special ribbons. Has been grown to nearly 13 inches. It is a real beauty and a GIANT. On Honor Roll.Plant \$7.50

PINK GIANT (I. D.), "Holland," 1939. Bloom 10x6. Color, a vivid rose. Strong stem holds flower erect. It has been a great winner wherever shown. It won the Challenge Cup in Holland in 1939, which is their most coveted prize. On four Honor Rolls.....Root 1.00

PREMIER'S MAJESTIC (I. D.), "Swezey," 1938. Bloom 10x4, bush 5 ft. An informal decorative of a beautiful new color combination difficult to describe—salmon, gold and mulberry. A robust grower. Profuse bloomer of large, deep exhibition flowers. Stems cane-like. Foliage hard and insect resistant. This is the only dahlia that was a certificate winner at five Trial Gardens; this alone says it is one of the A-1's....Root .75

PREMIER'S WINSOME (I. D.), "Swezey," 1939. Blooms 11x6, bush 5 ft. Described by those who grew it as one of the best of the dahlias—nice form, substance, and excellent plant growth. Color, a beautiful mallow pink. Certified East Lansing, 1938.....Root 1.00

PURPLE MIST (F. D.), "Emmons," 1937. Bloom 10x5, bush 5 ft. A beautiful pure deep purple, tending to a shade of burgundy. The whole flower is covered with a bronze sheen. Extra long, stiff stems, holding the flower far beyond the foliage. It won a Certificate of Merit at the East Lansing Trial Gardens in 1935; also the American Home Achievement Medal. It was on three Honor Rolls. It is a prolific bloomer. A splendid cut flower.....Root 1.00

QUEEN CITY (F. D.), "Peck," 1936. A formal commercial type, of a scarlet pink color; excellent stem on long upright branches, starting from near ground; height of plant, 3 to 4 feet; a very early and continuous bloomer. American Home Achievement Medal. A remarkable cut flower variety.....Root .50

RED CLOUD (I. D.), "Emmons," 1940. Bloom 11x5, bush 6 ft. A rich brilliant crimson red, highlighted with flame. Reverse of petals rosy purple over silver. The ever-full center shows the purple reverse. The large blooms are held erect on very long, strong stems, facing. Naturally a tall robust grower. It has the best of substance and does not fade. Scored 85.5 E. at East Lansing (Michigan) Trial Grounds in 1939. We have NEVER had an open center, nor a bloom that hung its head Plant 1.00

RHYTHM (I. C.), "Dahliadel," 1943. Bloom 10x6, bush 5½ ft. Color, cameo pink with soft lemon shadings at base of the petals and center of flower—really a Super Dahlia. Excellent form, very rugged and a good root maker. All who have seen it are enthusiastic. On three Honor Rolls. It is a beauty....Root \$2.50, Plant 1.25

RITA WELLS (I. F.), "Wells-Ruschmohr," 1939. A very large dahlia. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Grenadine-pink on buff. Achievement Medal winner. Certificate of Merit at Fairmont, W. Va.....Root 1.00

ROBERT L. RIPLEY (I. D.), "Salem," 1937. Rhodamine purple with deep rose pink suffusions throughout the entire bloom. It is immense in size. Ed. J. O'Keeffe, of Cold Spring, N. Y., one of the leading amateur growers of the United States, grew a bloom that measured 16x12. Stems are straight and strong. The bush is vigorous and grows to a height of five feet. Root 1.50

SARETT'S PINK FLAMINGO (S. C.), "Sarett," 1944. Bloom 10x6, bush 5½ ft. Color, a deep rose pink, shading lighter; yellow blend at base. Bloom has a fine center. Three Home Achievement Medals. Won Marshall Field's Gold Cup at Chicago Dahlia Show. On three Honor Rolls. One of the best.....Plant 2.00

SATAN (S. C.), "Ballay-Success." Bloom 10x5, bush 6 ft. Color, a bright flaming red with slight touch of gold at center. Horn-like petals which are perfectly rolled and incurved, giving unique form to the giant blooms. Honor Roll. Scored 87 at Storrs.....Root .75

SEA FOAM (F. D.) "Wolfe", 1946. Bloom 8x4, bush 6 ft. Color creamy white. What will be called a "White Jersey's Beauty". Extra good long stems. Won a certificate of Merit at East Lansing. in 1945. A grand flower for the florist.

.....Plant \$5.00

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AMERICAN DAHLIA BULLETIN

378 Penn Ave.,

Stearns Park, Freeport, L. I., N. Y.

THE DAHLIA

12147 Harvard Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

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Dahlia Culture

TIME. The proper time to plant dahlias for exhibition purposes in this latitude is about the first of June. Of course, if one is not depending upon the shows, they can be planted as soon as the frost is over. In this climate we advise a succession of planting from May 10th to July 1st.

PREPARING SOIL. About one week or ten days before planting, spade your garden ten inches deep and leave it in the rough, then broadcast into soil to every 100 square feet or to approximately ten dahlia hills five pounds raw bonemeal mixed with two pounds of sulphate potash which should be raked into the soil thoroughly.

PLANTING. For exhibition flowers, dahlias should be planted at least three feet apart each way, that is, the large varieties, and two feet each way for the small kinds. Dig the holes at least six inches deep. Place the tuber horizontally in the bottom of the hole with the bud an inch or so from the stake. Cover the roots with about two inches of soil. As the plants grow the hole may be filled in by cultivating.

PLANTING OF GREEN PLANTS. Set out plants in late afternoon or on a cloudy day, removing pot from plant. Make sure that plant is planted deep enough and if the following day should be hot and sunny, suggest shading plant with a peach basket during the heat of the day. Fill hole gradually with dirt as plant grows.

STAKING. Five to six-foot stakes will be required to support tall growing varieties. The stakes should be set in at the time of planting. If you wait until later to drive in the stakes, much damage may be done to the roots of the plants.

EXHIBITION BLOOMS. To get large blooms you should disbud your plants. Leave only one stalk growing out of the ground. Let three sets of leaves appear and then pinch out the center or crown of the plant. Branches will appear at the base of each leaf. On these branches there will be three buds. Pinch out the two side buds, allowing the center one to develop. New branches will appear in the form of laterals between the leaves and stalk. Pinch out all these laterals below the remaining bud except the two nearest the main stalk. When your blooms are cut, these two laterals will develop into the next set of blooms.

DIGGING. After the first heavy frost, the tops of the plants will blacken and dry. A few days to a week after a frost the tops should be cut off and the clumps dug up. They should be carefully dried off in the sun for a few hours before being stored.

STORAGE. Store the tubers in boxes or barrels in a cool place. The best storage temperature is about 45 degrees Fahrenheit. The storage atmosphere should be moist enough to prevent excess drying of the roots and at the same time not so moist as to encourage mold or storage rots. If you have a very choice clump, wrap it in wax paper, such as comes around bread. You will find this will keep your roots almost perfect. It is just as good as dipping in paraffine.

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